Unemployment Problem in the Country

375. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken recently effective steps to tackle unemployment problem in the country particularly in the state of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the Central allocation for the same during the Eight Five Year Plan, state-wise in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan emphasises the need for a high rate of economic growth combined with faster growth of sectors, subsectors and areas having relatively high employment potential for enhancing the pace of employment generation. Within this overall strategy, each State adopts a strategy that is appropriate to its requirements. Besides the employment to be generated in the normal growth process, there are the ongoing special employment generation schemes such as the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), the Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and also the Employment assurance Scheme (EAS) launched recently. The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) launched recently aims at enabling educated unemployed youth to set up enterprises in manufacturing, service and business ventures. State-wise allocation of Central funds for these programmes are made only in the Annual plans.

Educated Manpower in the Labour Force

376. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of educated manpower of the total labour force in our country;

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan of Action in regard to tackle this major problem;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The educated (matriculates and above; constitute around 16 per cent of the total labour force.

(b) to (d) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. Of the new employment opportunities being created, around 45 per cent are estimated to be going to the educated. A self employment scheme, called the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), launched in October, 1993 aims at providing employment specifically to educated unemployed youth by enabling them to set up enterprises in manufacturing, service and business ventures.

Introduction of Indicative Planning in the Country

377. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move on the part of the Planning Commission to introduce "indicative planning".

(b) whether it is a fact that liberalised economics in the developed world adopt "indicative planning"; and

(c) what would be the role of the Planning Commission in the present circumstances where market forces are guiding the economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan stipulates a re-examination and reorientation of the role

of the Government as well as the process of planning so as to make planning largely indicative. Liberalisation of the economy is consistent with indicative planning. The Planning Commission will have to concentrate on anticipating future trends and evolving integrated strategies for achieving the highest possible level of development of the country in keeping with the internationally competitive standards. This will call for the creation of a culture of high productivity and cost efficiency in the Government both at the Centre and in the States, and the Planning Commission will have to play the role of a catalyst.

Analysis made by Planning Commission Regarding Macro-Economic Imbalances

378. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has initiated any indepth analysis of the causes of the recent macro-economic imbalances ; and

(b) whether the Planning Commission has been asked by the Finance Ministry for its reaction for smooth integration of the economy with the global system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) The cause of macro-economic imbalances have been studied in preparing the Eighth Five Year Plan and the annual Plans. The growing fiscal gap and depletion of foreign exchange resources created a situation which put severe strain on the economic system leading to import curbs, high rate of inflation and recession in industry. Corrective measures have been initiated under the Eighth Five Year Plan, which also stipulated a reformed policy regime on trade, technology, transborder capital flows and financial sector. These will smoothen the integration of the Indian economy with the global system.

संसद-सदस्यों का मंत्रालयों से पत्राचार

379. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 अप्रैल 1990 से 31 मार्च, 1993 की अवधि के दौरान सासदों द्वारा मंत्रालय को कितने पत्र लिखे गये और उनका वर्ष वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) उनमें से कितने पत्रों को पावती भेजी गई;

(ग) कितने पत्रों के अन्तिम उत्तर भेजे गये; और

(घ) मंत्रालय द्वारा क्रमश: सकारात्मक और नकारात्मक उत्तर वाले भेजे गये अन्तिम पत्रों के पृथक-पृथक आंकड़े क्या हैं ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

देश में गरीबी के संबंध में राष्ट्रीय नमूना सर्वेक्षण द्वारा दिया गया सर्वेक्षण

380. **श्री जीवन राय** : क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्रीय नमूना सर्वेक्षण द्वारा दिये गये संकलन के अनुसार पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में गरीबी रेखा से नीचे के लोगों के नवीनतम आंकड़े क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सत्य है कि सरकार ने स्वर्गीय प्रो० डी० के० लकड़वाला की अध्यक्षता में एक विशेषज्ञ समिति का गठन किया था और समिति ने अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उक्त प्रतिवेदन के अनुसार कितने लोग गरीबी रेखा से नीचे हैं; और